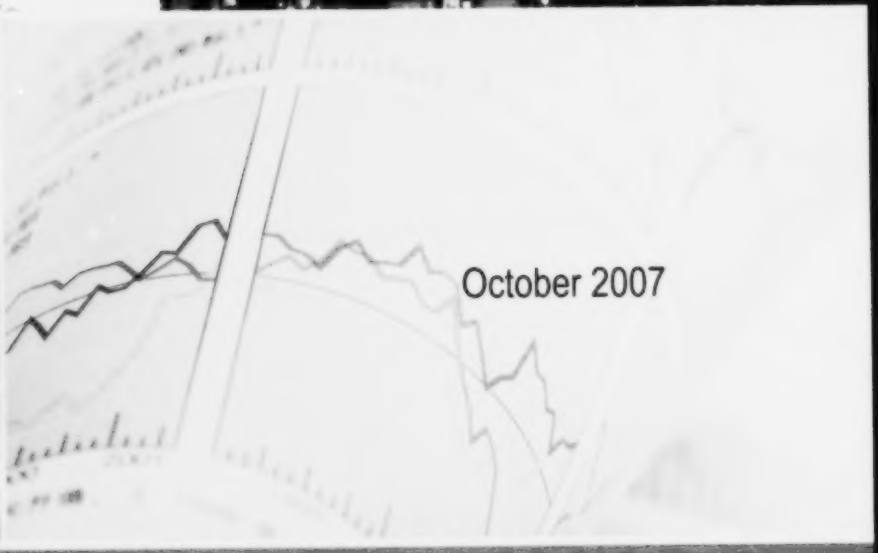

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Highlights

Labour Force: Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.6% in September, up from 3.5% recorded in August 2007. This was the lowest provincial unemployment rate in Canada and well below the national rate of 5.9%.Calgary and Edmonton placed first and fourth among Canadian cities with seasonally adjusted unemployment rates of 3.1% and 4.1%, respectively. The number of employed climbed by 4,600 while the number of unemployed increased by 900. Over the last 12 months, the number of employed people in Alberta increased by 91,200 or 4.8%, the highest provincial growth rate in Canada. The largest employment gains were noted in the Construction, Wholesale Trade, and Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction industries. In July 2007, there were 18,140 Employment Insurance Recipients (EI) in Alberta. Year-to-date, the average number of EI recipients was 17,119, a 9.6% decline from the same period in 2006.

Consumer Spending: Between July 2006 and July 2007, Alberta retail sales increased by 9.2%. Year-to-date, Alberta retail trade sales climbed 11.0% from the same period last year, the second highest growth rate behind Saskatchewan's 11.1%. Nationally, retail sales increased by 6.0% over the same period. The number of Alberta residential home re-sales via the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) fell by 13.9% in August, compared to the same month last year, to 5,494. In August 2007, the number of new motor vehicle sales in Alberta increased by 1.1% from the same month last year to 22,104. Between January and August, automobile sales climbed by 6.1% from the same period in 2006. Nationally, vehicle sales were up 2.8% over the same period.

Construction: In September 2007, urban housing starts in Alberta climbed 30.8% from 12 months ago to 4,366. Robust growth in multiple-dwelling starts (up 139.6%) more than offset the impact of a decline in single-detached unit starts (down 22.4%). Across the province's major cities, housing starts continued to post healthy growth. Most centres posted double digit growth, with Red Deer leading the way with 54.2% growth. Only Medicine Hat recorded a decline due to substantially lower multiple dwelling starts. Alberta urban housing starts for the first three quarters of 2007 totalled 30,692. Between January and August 2007, the value of Alberta building permits rose 22.6% from the same period last year, to $10.7 billion.

Manufacturing: In August 2007, Alberta manufacturing shipments were down 1.3% from the same month last year to $5.6 billion. The decline was primarily driven by weak shipments of petroleum and coal products and chemicals, partially offset by an increase in food shipments. Year-to-date, manufacturing shipments rose 0.8% from the same period last year. Nationally, the value of manufacturing shipments increased by 1.4% over the same period.

Energy: Between January and September 2007, the average number of active drilling rigs fell by 36.3% from the same period last year. Energy prices remained strong in September, with crude oil prices climbing 24.9% from a year ago. Natural gas prices rose 4.0% in July, compared to 12 months ago.

Exports: Between August 2006 and August 2007, Alberta merchandise exports increased by 3.4% to $7.4 billion. Nationally, exports fell 2.3% over the same 12-month period. For the first eight months of the year, Alberta merchandise trade exports rose 7.6% from the same period last year to $58.9 billion. Nationally, merchandise trade exports increased by 3.9%.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	1,926.3	2,023.5	97.2	1,960.6	2,040.8	80.2	1,950.3	2,046.2	95.9
Calgary	667.2	700.8	33.6	677.2	710.3	33.1	682.3	708.9	26.6
Edmonton	576.8	615.2	38.4	589.2	620.7	31.5	589.1	623.5	34.4
Employed (000's)	1,858.1	1,952.2	94.1	1,880.0	1,968.7	88.7	1,882.1	1,973.3	91.2
Calgary	643.5	678.0	34.5	653.2	687.1	33.9	658.6	686.9	28.3
Edmonton	553.9	592.3	38.4	563.7	596.7	33.0	564.1	598.0	33.9
Employment Rate (%)	70.7	71.5	0.8	70.9	71.5	0.6	70.7	71.5	0.8
Calgary	73.2	73.9	0.7	73.6	74.2	0.6	73.9	73.9	0.0
Edmonton	66.6	68.7	2.1	67.3	68.7	1.4	67.1	68.7	1.6
Unemployment (000's)	68.1	71.2	3.1	80.6	72.0	-8.6	68.2	72.9	4.7
Calgary	23.8	22.8	-1.0	24.0	23.2	-0.8	23.7	22.0	-1.7
Edmonton	22.8	22.9	0.1	25.5	24.0	-1.5	25.0	25.6	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.5	0.0	4.1	3.5	-0.6	3.5	3.6	0.1
Calgary	3.6	3.3	-0.3	3.5	3.3	-0.2	3.5	3.1	-0.4
Edmonton	3.9	3.7	-0.2	4.3	3.9	-0.4	4.2	4.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	74.1	0.8	73.9	74.1	0.2	73.3	74.1	0.8
Calgary	75.9	76.4	0.5	76.3	76.7	0.4	76.6	76.3	-0.3
Edmonton	69.4	71.4	2.0	70.3	71.4	1.1	70.1	71.6	1.5

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.3	-0.1	3.7	2.9	-0.8	2.8	3.0	0.2
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.8	0.1	5.5	5.2	-0.3	3.7	3.7	0.0
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.6	0.5	7.4	5.7	-1.7	7.3	6.5	-0.8
Working Age Population (000's)	2,627.3	2,732.0	104.7	2,651.4	2,754.5	103.1	2,662.0	2,759.9	97.9
Calgary	879.4	917.5	38.1	887.9	926.3	38.4	891.1	929.0	37.9
Edmonton	831.2	862.1	30.9	838.0	868.8	30.8	840.8	870.6	29.8
Employed (000's)	1,859.7	1,955.2	95.5	1,906.2	1,995.0	88.8	1,886.2	1,974.0	87.8
Full-time	1,559.9	1,649.5	89.6	1,649.7	1,734.8	85.1	1,594.7	1,664.7	70.0
Part-time	299.7	305.7	6.0	256.5	260.2	3.7	291.5	309.3	17.8

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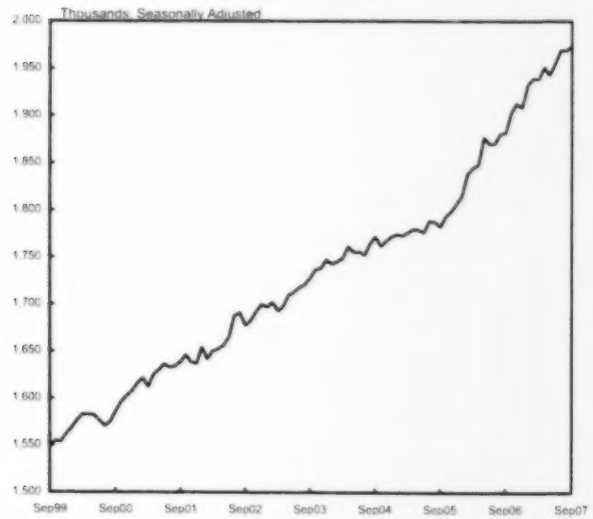


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change	2006	2007	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.1	0.7	-0.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	54.1	48.7	-5.4	53.4	54.9	1.5	50.4	60.7	10.3
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	2.4	-0.7	4.3	1.5	-2.8	2.5	2.6	0.1
Employed (000's)	133.9	147.2	13.3	139.3	152.3	13.0	135.1	150.7	15.6
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	3.3	-1.3	5.2	1.8	-3.4	2.6	2.2	-0.4
Employed (000's)	169.2	191.8	22.6	178.8	208.3	29.5	178.3	197.9	19.6
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.2	2.5	0.3	3.6	1.6	-2.0	1.5	3.1	1.6
Employed (000's)	134.7	145.0	10.3	139.7	144.3	4.6	139.7	138.4	-1.3
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.9	1.6	-0.3	n/a	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	72.3	77.6	5.3	68.2	89.2	21.0	69.3	85.8	16.5
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.9	0.7	2.9	3.7	0.8	2.7	3.2	0.5
Employed (000's)	212.5	209.5	-3.0	217.1	206.6	-10.5	206.7	206.4	-0.3
Transportation and Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.9	2.6	0.7	2.8	4.0	1.2	1.8	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	107.2	105.4	-1.8	108.9	98.3	-10.6	101.5	106.5	5.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.2	2.3	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.7	0.7
Employed (000's)	95.0	97.6	2.6	94.1	97.5	3.4	94.6	100.9	6.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.9	1.5	-0.4	n/a	1.8	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a
Employed (000's)	141.9	146.0	4.1	150.3	148.2	-2.1	141.7	140.3	-1.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.2	-1.1	5.9	4.1	-1.8	2.4	5.2	2.8
Employed (000's)	61.1	73.7	12.6	70.3	80.3	10.0	68.8	75.2	6.4
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.0	-0.1	13.6	11.8	-1.8	2.7	4.2	1.5
Employed (000's)	126.1	132.4	6.3	112.8	109.1	-3.7	131.8	118.4	-13.4
Health Care and Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.2	1.6	0.4	1.5	2.3	0.8	n/a	1.8	n/a
Employed (000's)	180.4	187.9	7.5	183.0	201.7	18.7	180.3	193.7	13.4
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	3.9	-1.6	6.4	2.4	-4.0	3.2	2.1	-1.1
Employed (000's)	68.1	76.7	8.6	72.9	77.5	4.6	71.8	80.7	8.9
Accommodation and Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	6.2	1.6	4.3	6.7	2.4	5.7	5.0	-0.7
Employed (000's)	112.6	117.5	4.9	116.6	118.6	2.0	121.6	112.3	-9.3
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.9	3.2	1.3	1.8	1.8	0.0	2.3	2.1	-0.2
Employed (000's)	87.3	95.5	8.2	90.4	95.8	5.4	90.1	97.5	7.4
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.1	1.0	-0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	83.0	78.8	-4.2	86.6	84.7	-1.9	83.0	84.9	1.9

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response

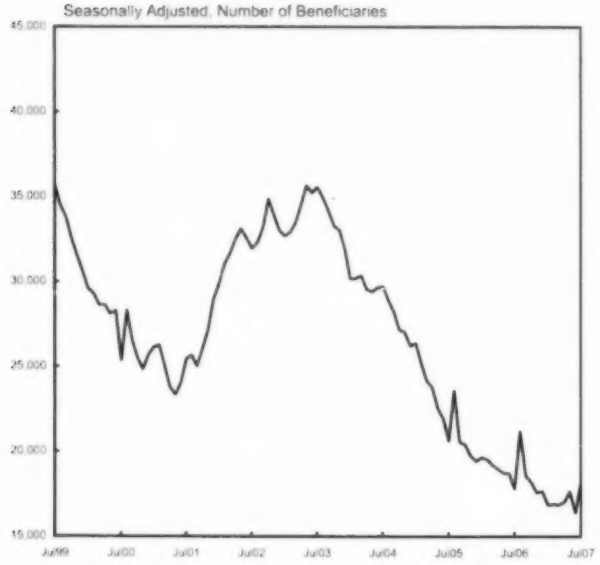
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - JULY AVERAGE			JUNE			JULY		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	18,939	17,119	-9.6	18,710	16,400	-12.3	17,820	18,140	1.8

WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	45,492	51,141	12.4	7,674	8,627	12.4	7,765	8,755	12.7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - JULY AVERAGE			JUNE			JULY		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	791.94	829.56	4.7	793.52	836.61	5.4	798.15	844.90	5.9

MIGRATION	JANUARY - JUNE			JANUARY - MARCH			APRIL - JUNE		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	10,172	9,571	-5.9	4,727	4,012	-15.1	5,445	5,559	2.1
Emigration	1,987	2,000	0.7	883	889	0.7	1,104	1,111	0.6
Returning Canadians	1,618	1,618	0.0	568	568	0.0	1,050	1,050	0.0
Temporarily abroad	1,311	1,310	-0.1	624	623	-0.2	687	687	0.0
Net Non-Permanent Residents	3,542	8,976	153.4	1,383	3,587	159.4	2,159	5,389	149.6
Net international migration	12,034	16,855	40.1	5,171	6,655	28.7	6,863	10,200	48.6
Interprovincial									
In-migration	45,975	55,494	20.7	23,159	25,389	9.6	22,816	30,105	31.9
Out-migration	24,157	40,673	68.4	10,849	18,005	66.0	13,308	22,668	70.3
Net interprovincial migration	21,818	14,821	-32.1	12,310	7,384	-40.0	9,508	7,437	-21.8

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



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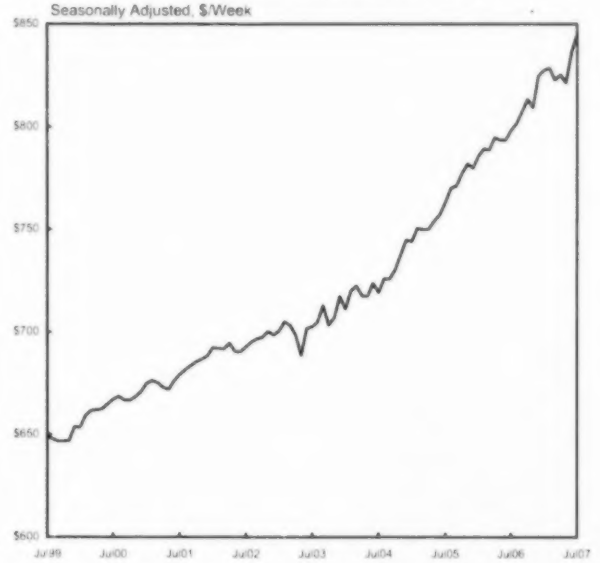


RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JUNE 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	32,032	35,544	11.0	4,676	5,222	11.7	4,772	5,210	9.2
Motor and Recreational Vehicles	9,634	11,007	14.2	1,616	1,818	12.5	1,569	1,725	9.9
Gasoline Service Stations	3,409	3,887	14.0	539	596	10.7	594	639	7.6
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	2,421	2,761	14.0	366	420	14.7	367	418	14.0
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	1,929	2,189	13.5	349	416	19.3	334	388	16.3
Food and Beverage	6,167	6,560	6.4	941	1,027	9.1	951	976	2.6
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,241	1,351	8.9	185	199	7.7	182	192	5.6
Clothing and Accessories	1,520	1,702	12.0	239	274	14.6	234	263	12.1
General Merchandise	3,295	3,565	8.2	519	579	11.6	523	561	7.3
Miscellaneous Retailers	1,555	1,662	6.8	245	274	11.8	237	249	5.3

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

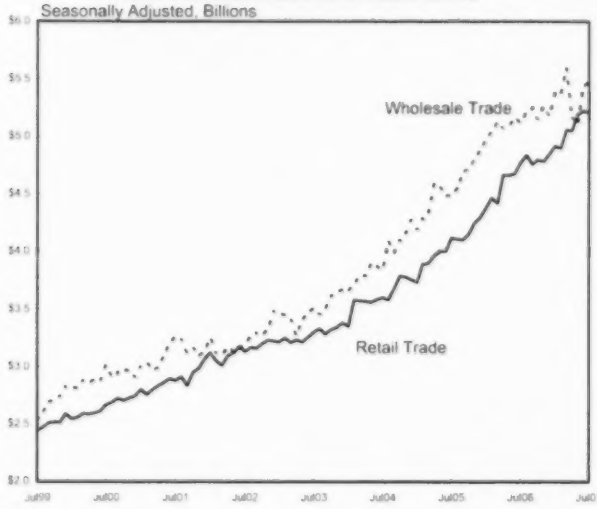
RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JUNE 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	2,834	3,063	8.1	430	441	2.7	430	445	3.5

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change	AUGUST 2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adjusted	164,655	174,774	6.1	21,281	22,219	4.4	21,871	22,104	1.1
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	167,488	178,606	6.6	21,075	22,236	5.5	23,266	23,588	1.4
Passenger Vehicles	59,437	62,765	5.6	7,657	8,118	6.0	7,989	8,195	2.6
Commercial Vehicles	108,051	115,841	7.2	13,418	14,118	5.2	15,277	15,393	0.8

Note: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JUNE 2006	2007	Per cent Change	JULY 2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adjusted	35,604	37,524	5.4	5,165	5,430	5.1	5,119	5,480	7.0

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE



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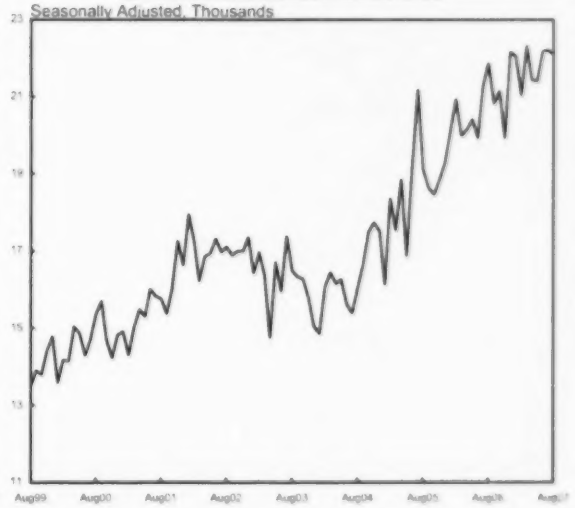

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	53,861	55,273	2.6	6,407	5,938	-7.3	6,378	5,494	-13.9
Calgary	24,394	24,947	2.3	2,586	2,583	-0.1	2,516	2,388	-5.1
Edmonton	15,602	16,029	2.7	1,953	1,538	-21.2	2,079	1,280	-38.4
Total Value ($000,000)	14,940	19,695	31.8	1,847	2,208	19.5	1,894	1,988	4.9
Calgary	8,286	10,363	25.1	925	1,128	21.9	920	1,012	10.0
Edmonton	3,719	5,435	46.1	501	544	8.7	563	443	-21.4

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	31,117	30,692	-1.4	3,475	3,418	-1.6	3,338	4,366	30.8
Single Detached	19,472	16,750	-14.0	2,326	1,885	-19.0	2,241	1,738	-22.4
All Others*	11,645	13,942	19.7	1,149	1,533	33.4	1,097	2,628	139.6
Calgary	13,039	10,804	-17.1	1,560	1,497	-4.0	1,038	1,386	33.5
Edmonton	11,389	12,038	5.7	1,209	1,278	5.7	1,410	1,978	40.3

* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	8,704.3	10,667.3	22.6	1,196.1	1,386.8	15.9	1,255.9	1,303.9	3.8
Total Value, unadjusted	8,865.2	10,872.8	22.6	1,209.4	1,416.4	17.1	1,333.6	1,369.8	2.7
Calgary	3,463.3	4,480.2	29.4	496.2	548.4	10.5	515.9	378.4	-26.6
Edmonton	2,226.5	2,800.0	25.8	251.1	287.9	14.6	367.1	433.5	18.1
Residential	5,530.3	6,455.8	16.7	842.5	877.0	4.1	795.5	851.6	7.1
Calgary	2,078.9	2,201.9	5.9	361.2	317.8	-12.0	240.1	234.6	-2.3
Edmonton	1,642.1	2,015.1	22.7	206.5	226.0	9.4	251.8	305.2	21.2
Industrial	702.0	588.3	-16.2	56.0	132.3	136.3	84.5	130.8	54.9
Calgary	101.5	77.1	-24.0	13.2	28.5	116.6	11.3	10.0	-11.8
Edmonton	109.4	108.5	-0.8	8.3	6.4	-22.5	27.7	23.8	-14.2
Commercial	2,088.3	3,257.3	56.0	241.5	278.3	15.2	408.2	354.6	-13.1
Calgary	962.8	1,953.8	102.9	96.4	155.0	60.8	243.6	130.9	-46.2
Edmonton	387.5	603.2	55.7	32.4	51.5	58.9	77.5	99.5	28.4
Institutional/Government	544.6	571.4	4.9	69.3	128.9	85.8	45.5	32.8	-28.0
Calgary	320.1	247.4	-22.7	25.4	47.1	85.4	20.9	2.8	-86.4
Edmonton	87.5	73.2	-16.4	3.8	3.9	2.7	10.1	5.0	-50.1

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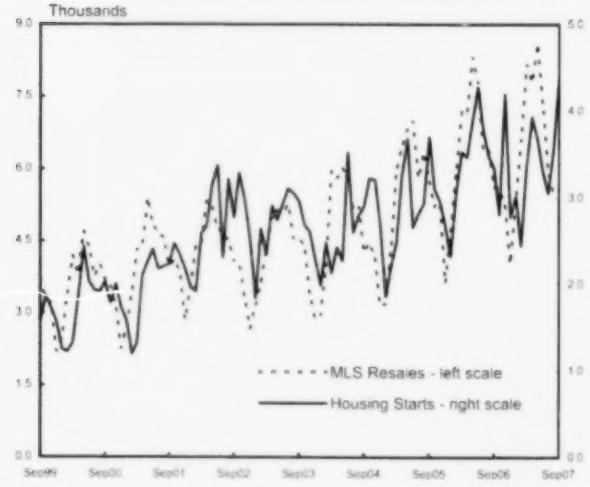

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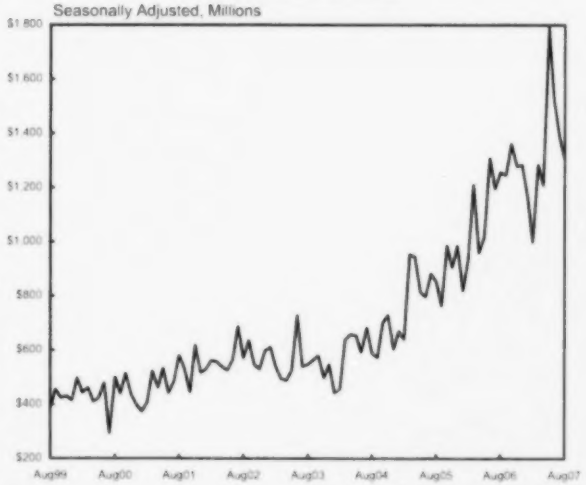

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	44,607.0	44,976.7	0.8	5,887.5	5,552.1	-5.7	5,703.5	5,629.9	-1.3
Total, unadjusted	44,428.9	44,826.0	0.9	5,807.8	5,574.6	-4.0	5,919.2	5,825.9	-1.6
Food	6,118.4	6,685.9	9.3	795.0	846.8	6.5	787.1	890.9	13.2
Beverage	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Plastics & Rubber Products	1,146.8	1,044.2	-8.9	145.4	137.4	-5.5	163.2	147.3	-9.7
Primary Metal	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Metal Fabricating	3,000.8	3,394.7	13.1	386.0	386.0	0.0	408.4	411.2	0.7
Printing & Publishing	613.4	585.2	-4.6	62.8	66.0	5.0	73.8	77.4	4.8
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,227.9	1,548.7	26.1	191.5	247.0	29.0	198.7	241.7	21.6
Petroleum & Coal Products	9,229.1	9,638.4	4.4	1,379.4	1,387.6	0.6	1,479.4	1,351.7	-8.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	10,108.3	9,581.2	-5.2	1,271.8	1,106.6	-13.0	1,204.7	1,164.0	-3.4
Wood	2,224.3	1,997.6	-10.2	256.3	250.7	-2.2	255.0	247.0	-3.1
Furniture and Fixtures	652.1	682.2	4.6	78.8	78.2	-0.8	90.1	86.4	-4.0
Paper & Allied	1,188.7	1,262.1	6.2	162.3	146.8	-9.5	166.1	152.5	-8.2
Computers & Electronics	1,055.8	696.2	-34.1	140.1	72.0	-48.6	99.5	92.1	-7.4
Transportation Equipment	655.6	590.6	-9.9	67.9	63.5	-6.5	73.9	73.4	-0.7
Machinery	4,229.4	4,189.6	-0.9	472.1	430.3	-8.9	507.4	484.6	-4.5
Other Manufacturing*	2,978.3	2,929.5	-1.6	398.5	355.8	-10.7	411.8	405.5	-1.5

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing (and includes the Primary Metal and Beverage sectors)

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - JUNE			JANUARY - MARCH			APRIL - JUNE		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	3,849.7	4,397.2	14.2	2,060.5	2,335.1	13.3	1,789.1	2,062.1	15.3
Crops	1,237.5	1,703.4	37.7	600.7	837.5	39.4	636.8	866.0	36.0
Wheat, other than Durum	341.5	556.4	62.9	127.1	218.1	71.7	214.4	338.3	57.7
Durum Wheat	49.5	80.5	62.6	11.9	27.6	132.5	37.7	53.0	40.6
Barley	59.2	103.7	75.3	30.9	56.6	82.9	28.3	47.2	67.0
Canola	449.0	585.1	30.3	224.4	292.3	30.3	224.6	292.7	30.3
Livestock	2,165.9	2,207.2	1.9	1,116.5	1,137.1	1.8	1,049.4	1,070.0	2.0
Cattle and Calves	1,546.1	1,556.5	0.7	808.4	809.5	0.1	737.6	747.0	1.3
Hogs	247.5	251.4	1.6	117.6	125.5	6.7	129.9	125.9	-3.1
Dairy Products	185.4	206.3	11.3	93.5	102.7	9.9	91.9	103.6	12.7
Poultry	103.8	108.1	4.1	50.4	51.0	1.2	53.4	57.1	6.9
Direct/Program Payments	446.3	486.6	9.0	343.3	360.5	5.0	103.0	126.1	22.5

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

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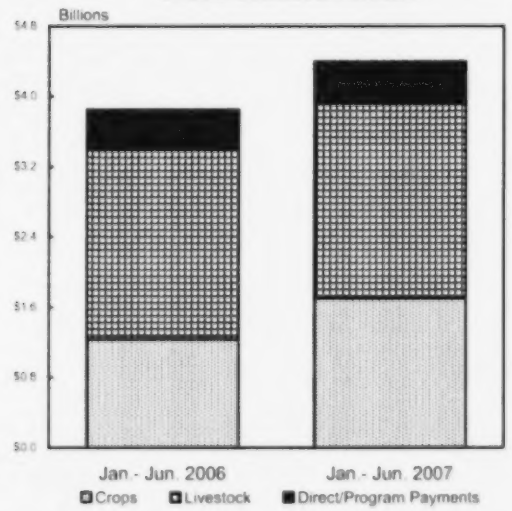

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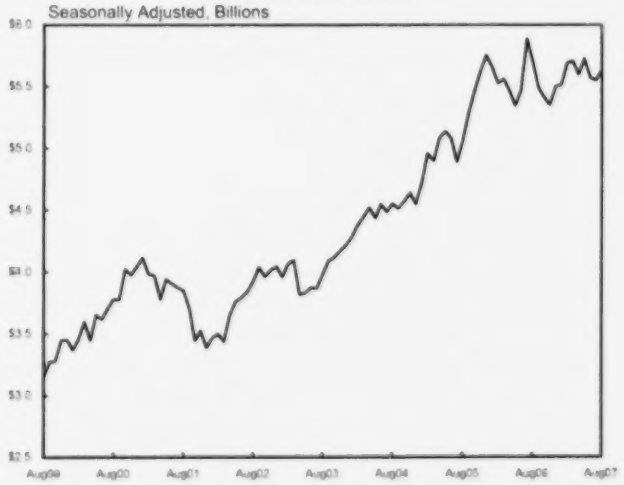


ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - MAY			APRIL			MAY		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	70,921	70,899	0.0	13,804	13,625	-1.3	13,958	13,814	-1.0
Deliveries (million m^3)	58,286	56,876	-2.4	10,894	10,683	-1.9	11,413	10,696	-6.3
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	42,682	44,887	5.2	8,828	8,793	-0.4	8,397	8,846	5.4
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	43,783	45,284	3.4	8,078	8,755	8.4	8,995	9,114	1.3

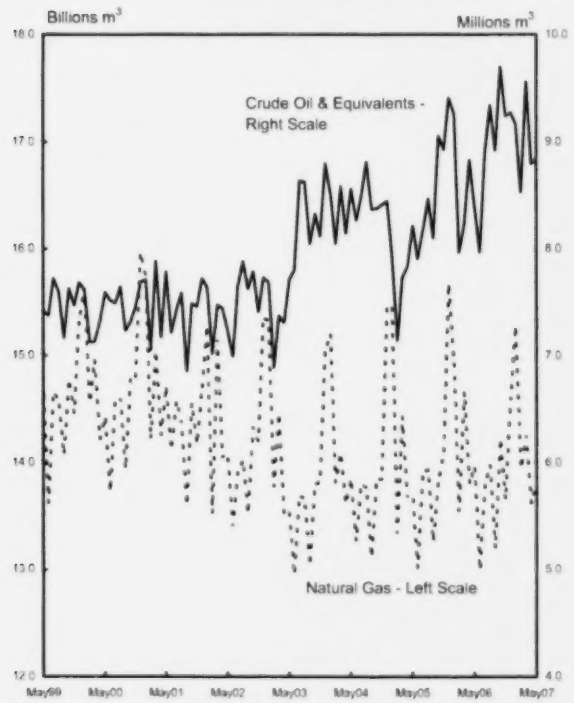
*Includes Conventional Light/Medium and Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	379	242	-36.3	391	234	-40.1	318	226	-28.9
Available	616	698	13.4	622	706	13.5	625	703	12.4

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2006			2007			Annual
	2005	2006	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	% Change
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	56.56	66.22	74.46	73.08	63.76	74.30	72.36	79.63	24.9
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	7.87	6.22	5.22	5.84	5.12	5.43	n/a	n/a	4.0

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

ENERGY PRODUCTION



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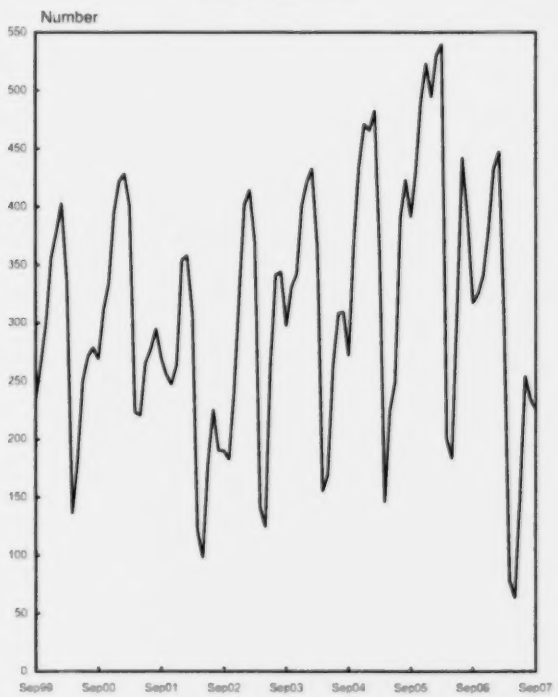

EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	JANUARY - AUGUST Per cent Change	JULY 2006	JULY 2007	JULY Per cent Change	AUGUST 2006	AUGUST 2007	AUGUST Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all commodities	54,720.2	58,853.5	7.6	6,840.5	7,079.9	3.5	7,166.8	7,409.6	3.4
Agricultural Products	3,331.7	3,830.5	15.0	414.0	446.2	7.8	424.5	467.1	10.0
Energy Products	39,060.6	41,583.9	6.5	4,819.1	4,905.0	1.8	5,097.2	5,280.0	3.6
Forestry Products	1,743.9	1,501.7	-13.9	207.1	188.2	-9.1	203.5	175.1	-14.0
Industrial Goods	6,900.1	7,778.8	12.7	903.5	1,011.8	12.0	928.8	958.8	3.2
Machinery and Equipment	2,693.1	3,133.2	16.3	351.5	394.8	12.3	402.2	412.9	2.7
Automotive Products	373.9	447.5	19.7	44.2	55.9	26.5	40.6	46.0	13.3
Consumer Goods	141.0	138.3	-1.9	19.1	14.8	-22.5	17.8	16.7	-6.2
Special Transactions	475.9	439.7	-7.6	82.0	63.1	-23.0	52.2	53.0	1.5

Note: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources; previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	JANUARY - AUGUST Per cent Change	JULY 2006	JULY 2007	JULY Per cent Change	AUGUST 2006	AUGUST 2007	AUGUST Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	54,720.8	58,853.5	7.6	6,840.5	7,315.9	6.9	7,166.8	7,409.6	3.4
United States	49,042.1	51,777.5	5.6	6,081.2	6,431.2	5.8	6,357.4	6,524.0	2.6
China	1,222.3	1,768.0	44.6	148.2	237.4	60.2	174.4	204.6	17.3
Japan	857.0	988.9	15.4	112.1	103.9	-7.2	127.8	136.1	6.5
Mexico	375.6	454.2	20.9	56.5	53.5	-5.2	48.7	67.9	39.7
Netherlands	202.0	378.7	87.5	52.1	47.6	-8.7	27.9	33.8	21.0
Korea, South	290.6	298.8	2.8	44.4	38.0	-14.4	35.2	29.8	-15.1
Belgium	94.4	168.1	78.0	13.7	18.5	35.1	18.4	16.0	-13.0
Taiwan	123.1	164.5	33.6	16.4	19.9	21.9	19.6	19.2	-1.9
United Kingdom	170.7	154.8	-9.3	19.2	16.5	-13.9	38.6	22.1	-42.6
Italy	69.5	149.4	114.9	11.8	17.4	47.7	4.1	16.9	315.4
All Other Countries	2,273.5	2,550.5	12.2	285.0	331.9	16.4	314.8	339.1	7.7

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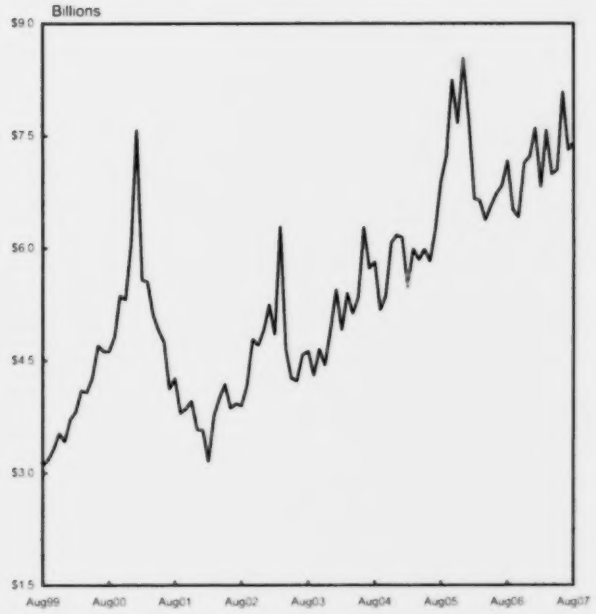

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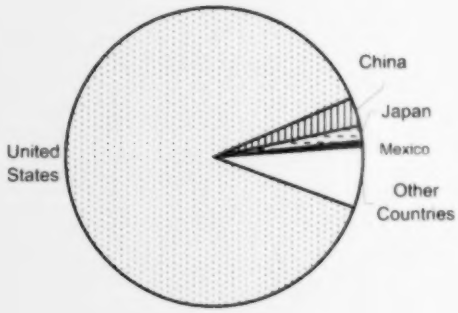
January - August 2007



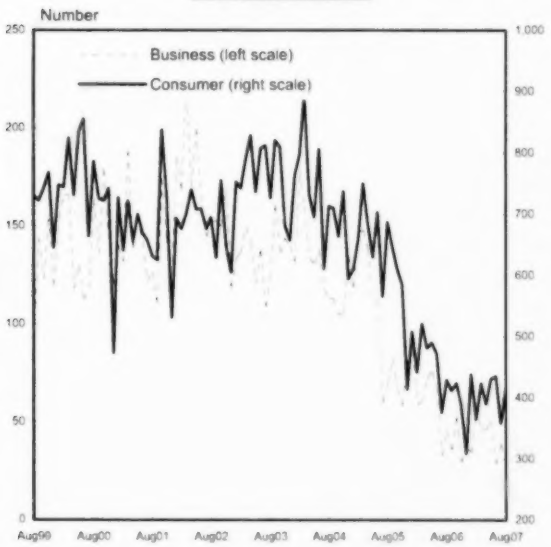
BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business									
Number	510	339	-33.5	33	39	18.2	46	32	-30.4
Value ($'000)	113,616	74,518	-34.4	5,661	10,235	80.8	11,221	4,194	-62.6
Consumer (number)	3,717	3,257	-12.4	376	359	-4.5	429	415	-3.3

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	32,265	33,670	4.4	3,584	3,806	6.2	4,039	3,852	-4.6
Alberta Corporations	30,534	31,716	3.9	3,370	3,570	5.9	3,813	3,629	-4.8
Non-Alberta Corporations	1,731	1,954	12.9	214	236	10.3	226	223	-1.3

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	561,463	603,723	7.5	125,394	132,256	5.5	159,989	172,332	7.7
Total (excludes same-day)	516,088	562,387	9.0	115,760	122,878	6.1	144,441	157,136	8.8
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	344,768	354,169	2.7	79,450	80,980	1.9	104,495	102,499	-1.9
United Kingdom	79,038	91,130	15.3	15,165	16,114	6.3	15,304	19,136	25.0
Germany	18,540	22,054	19.0	4,056	4,765	17.5	4,669	5,869	25.7
Netherlands	10,095	11,397	12.9	2,626	3,321	26.5	3,145	3,714	18.1
Australia	6,913	8,347	20.7	1,425	1,436	0.8	1,403	1,860	32.6
Japan	9,315	6,550	-29.7	2,739	1,822	-33.5	2,244	2,346	4.5
Mexico	4,977	6,234	25.3	820	1,275	55.5	1,868	1,757	-5.9
Switzerland	4,614	5,125	11.1	810	920	13.6	2,006	2,308	15.1

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

BANKRUPTCIES



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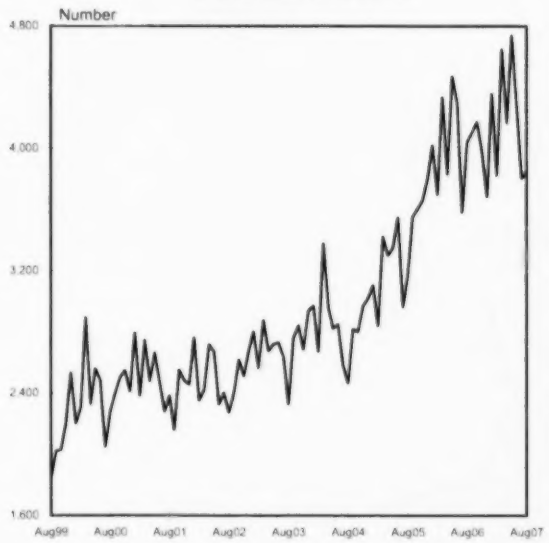


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2006	2007				% Change
	2004	2005	2006	AUG	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AUG'06 - AUG'07
Alberta									
All Items	105.9	108.1	112.3	113.9	117.8	118.8	119.1	119.3	4.7
Food	102.9	104.8	107.8	108.5	111.9	112.3	112.4	112.0	3.2
Shelter	109.8	113.5	124.8	126.3	135.9	140.0	140.6	143.8	13.9
Energy	123.8	136.2	142.7	154.1	152.8	159.2	160.8	161.7	4.9
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	104.6	106.1	110.3	111.1	115.6	116.2	116.4	116.7	5.0
Edmonton	106.4	108.6	112.0	113.0	117.1	118.6	118.8	119.1	5.4
Calgary	105.3	107.4	112.3	114.4	117.6	118.6	119.1	119.3	4.3

*Statistics Canada updated the 2001 consumer price index (CPI) basket of goods and services to the 2005 basket. Also, the base year changed from 1992 to 2002.

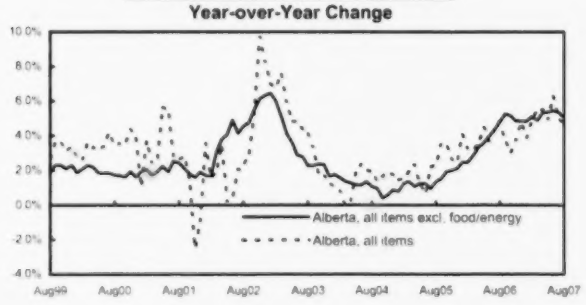
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2000=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2006		2007			Annual
Selected Countries	2004	2005	2006	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	% Change
Canada	109.7	112.2	114.4	115.0	114.9	117.0	117.5	117.3	2.1
United States	109.7	113.4	117.1	117.6	117.8	120.0	120.8	121.0	2.7
Germany	106.2	108.3	110.1	110.1	110.3	112.0	112.2	112.3	1.8
United Kingdom	109.7	112.8	116.4	116.1	116.6	120.6	121.1	121.8	4.5
France	108.0	110.0	111.8	112.2	112.2	113.1	113.4	113.5	1.2
Japan	98.1	97.8	98.1	98.2	98.2	97.9	98.2	n/a	0.0

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2006	2007				% Change
	2004	2005	2006	SEP	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	SEP'06 - SEP'07
United States	1.3013	1.2114	1.1344	1.1162	1.0652	1.0503	1.0582	1.0254	8.9
Japan	0.0120	0.0110	0.0098	0.0095	0.0087	0.0087	0.0091	0.0089	6.8
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.6169	1.5085	1.4244	1.4199	1.4295	1.4417	1.4410	1.4273	-0.5
United Kingdom	2.3837	2.2057	2.0898	2.1026	2.1161	2.1377	2.1270	2.0696	1.6

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2006	2007				% Change
	2004	2005	2006	SEP	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	SEP'06 - SEP'07
Canada	4.00	4.42	5.81	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	0.25
United States	4.40	6.23	7.98	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.75	-0.50

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

Year-over-Year Change



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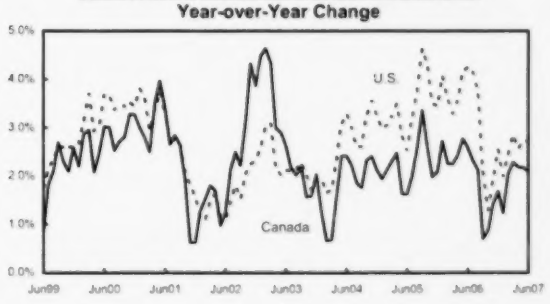

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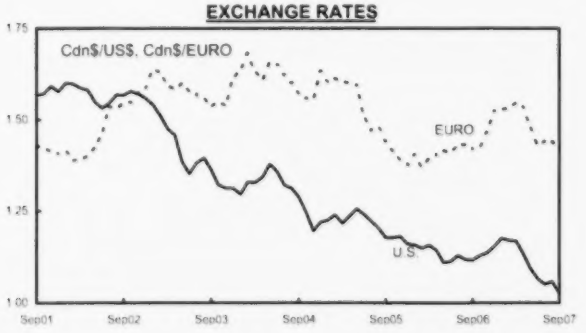

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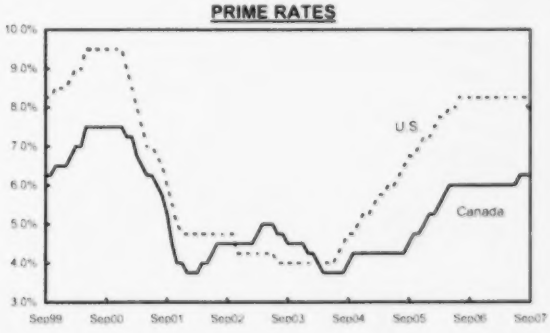

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
JULY 1, 2006	510	138	935	749	7,651	12,705	1,178	988	3,371	4,320	32,649
JULY 1, 2007	506	139	934	750	7,701	12,804	1,187	997	3,474	4,380	32,976
Percent Change	-0.7	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	3.1	1.4	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
SEPTEMBER 2006	14.1	10.7	7.8	8.8	8.0	6.6	4.4	4.2	3.5	4.8	6.4
SEPTEMBER 2007	13.6	10.5	8.0	8.2	6.9	6.2	4.2	3.8	3.6	4.3	5.9
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
SEPTEMBER 2006	217.7	68.5	440.0	349.7	3,776.9	6,489.4	588.4	497.7	1,882.1	2,202.7	16,512.9
SEPTEMBER 2007	216.3	69.2	445.0	363.1	3,864.2	6,623.7	598.7	502.5	1,973.3	2,266.8	16,923.0
Percent Change	-0.6	1.0	1.1	3.8	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.0	4.8	2.9	2.5
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Average Number of Beneficiaries)											
JANUARY - JULY 2006	38,153	8,194	29,037	33,309	173,037	127,887	10,963	9,677	18,939	42,714	493,853
JANUARY - JULY 2007	36,090	7,973	28,073	31,003	173,939	132,117	10,746	9,747	17,119	38,527	488,351
Percent Change	-5.4	-2.7	-3.3	-6.9	0.5	3.3	-2.0	0.7	-9.6	-9.8	-1.1

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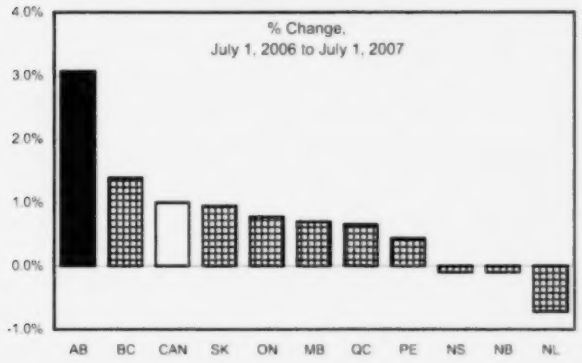

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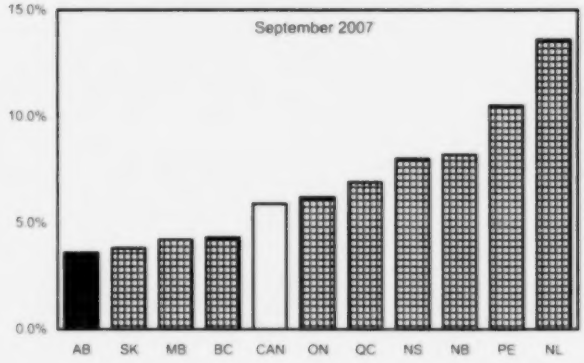

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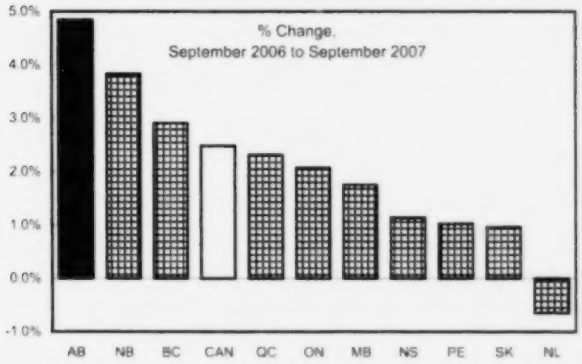

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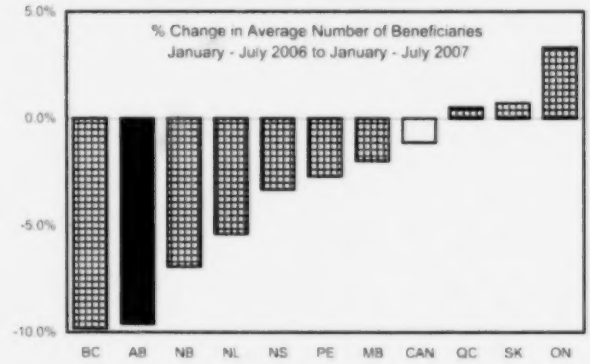

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - JUNE 2006	3,442	963	7,240	5,658	64,243	130,607	9,623	7,832	45,492	39,807	316,532
JANUARY - JUNE 2007	3,620	1,016	7,604	5,965	68,343	137,114	10,281	8,382	51,141	42,339	337,540
Percent Change	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.4	6.4	5.0	6.8	7.0	12.4	6.4	6.6
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - JULY 2006	3,466	858	6,491	5,113	50,246	81,645	7,431	6,589	32,032	30,411	225,039
JANUARY - JULY 2007	3,812	920	6,735	5,401	52,750	84,546	8,098	7,323	35,544	32,599	238,564
Percent Change	10.0	7.2	3.8	5.6	5.0	3.6	9.0	11.1	11.0	7.2	6.0
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	15,836	3,282	31,694	22,928	266,933	414,453	29,979	26,174	164,655	128,402	1,104,335
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	18,686	3,595	31,828	24,845	276,492	409,160	31,172	29,823	174,774	135,606	1,135,983
Percent Change	18.0	9.5	0.4	8.4	3.6	-1.3	4.0	13.9	6.1	5.6	2.9
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - JULY 2006	1,343	220	3,185	2,428	46,433	124,357	5,832	6,378	35,604	25,084	245,923
JANUARY - JULY 2007	1,545	251	3,395	2,591	49,068	129,625	6,283	7,805	37,524	26,467	259,301
Percent Change	15.1	14.2	6.6	6.7	5.7	4.2	7.7	22.4	5.4	5.5	5.4

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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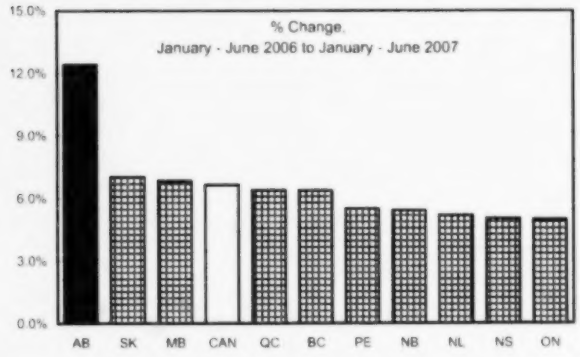

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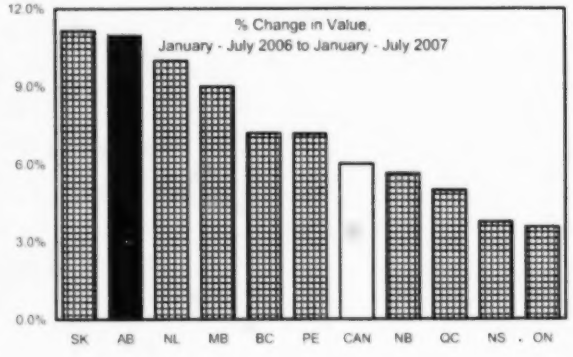

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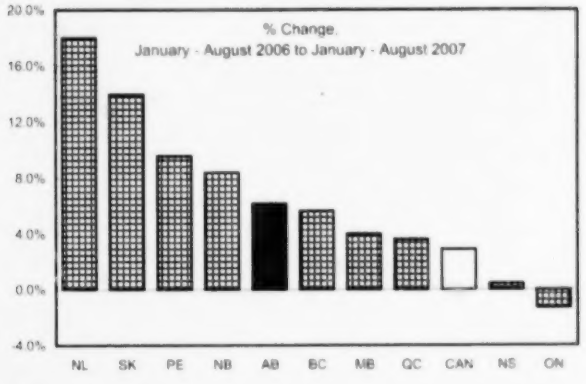

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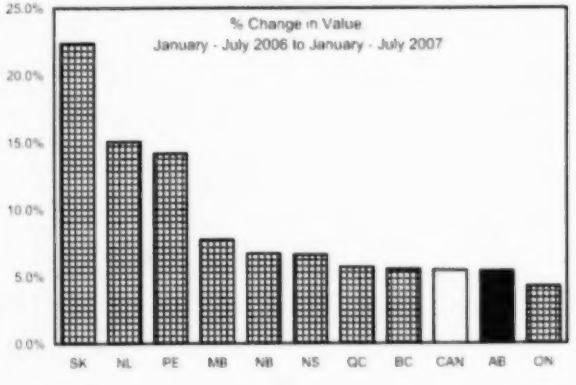

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2006	1,121	423	2,484	2,193	27,486	51,433	2,201	2,100	31,117	24,855	145,413
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2007	1,291	339	2,507	2,249	31,531	46,721	3,000	3,655	30,692	25,160	147,145
Percent Change	15.2	-19.9	0.9	2.6	14.7	-9.2	36.3	74.0	-1.4	1.2	1.2
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	311	142	824	614	7,537	15,220	896	727	8,704	7,447	42,423
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	382	102	855	651	8,581	17,093	1,015	1,023	10,667	8,781	49,152
Percent Change	22.8	-28.2	3.8	6.1	13.8	12.3	13.3	40.8	22.6	17.9	15.9
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	3,010	943	6,589	10,399	97,572	199,293	9,856	7,103	44,607	29,812	409,255
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	3,815	956	6,475	10,170	101,939	199,278	11,018	7,118	44,977	29,223	415,029
Percent Change	26.8	1.4	-1.7	-2.2	4.5	0.0	11.8	0.2	0.8	-2.0	1.4
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - JUNE 2006	46	208	226	239	3,170	4,288	1,736	3,198	3,850	1,140	18,103
JANUARY - JUNE 2007	51	193	233	216	3,317	4,470	2,139	3,712	4,397	1,142	19,869
Percent Change	9.5	-7.6	3.0	-9.7	4.6	4.2	23.2	16.1	14.2	0.2	9.8

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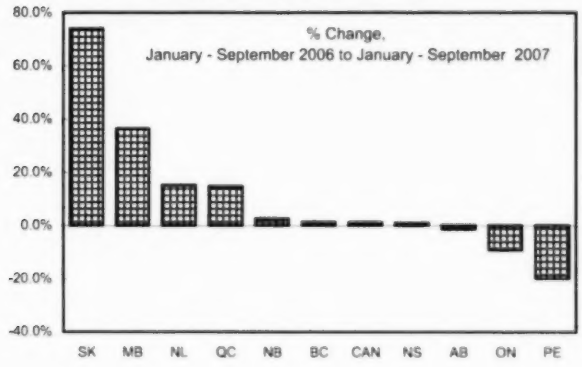

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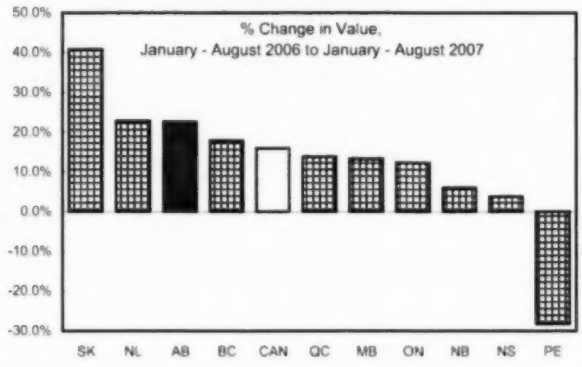

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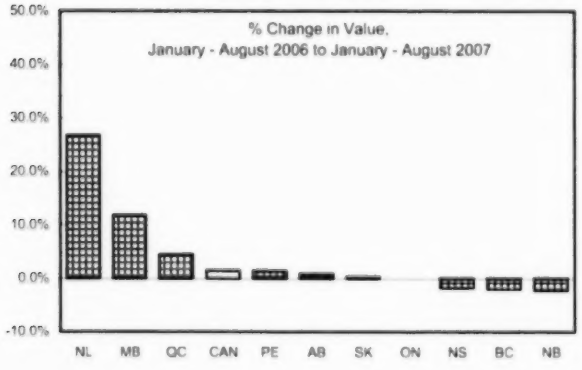

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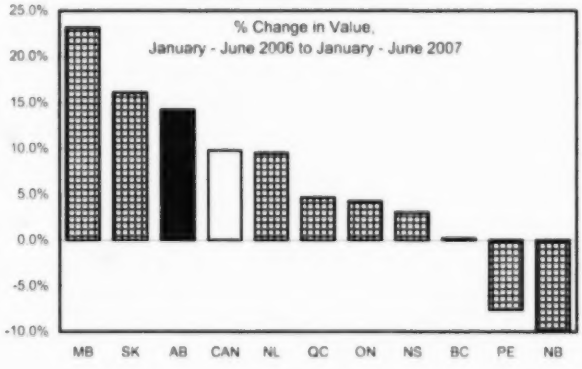

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	3,435	511	3,321	7,147	45,685	117,766	6,839	10,104	54,721	22,671	273,303
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	3,981	524	3,449	7,407	45,464	122,798	8,107	10,813	58,854	21,693	284,053
Percent Change	15.9	2.6	3.9	3.6	-0.5	4.3	18.5	7.0	7.6	-4.3	3.9
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	1,709	220	2,360	1,716	16,217	19,702	1,553	1,258	3,717	4,888	53,391
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	1,504	209	2,434	1,703	16,848	20,808	1,400	1,053	3,257	4,547	53,802
Percent Change	-12.0	-5.0	3.1	-0.8	3.9	5.6	-9.9	-16.3	-12.4	-7.0	0.8
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2006	29	30	149	139	1,199	1,813	114	204	510	417	4,610
JANUARY - AUGUST 2007	37	24	143	105	1,346	1,798	83	148	339	317	4,344
Percent Change	27.6	-20.0	-4.0	-24.5	12.3	-0.8	-27.2	-27.5	-33.5	-24.0	-5.8
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)*											
AUGUST 2006	110.9	112.8	111.4	110.0	109.2	109.1	109.7	110.4	113.9	109.0	109.8
AUGUST 2007	111.1	113.8	112.7	111.4	110.1	110.9	111.2	113.1	119.3	110.4	111.7
Percent Change	0.2	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.4	2.4	4.7	1.3	1.7

*Statistics Canada updated the 2001 consumer price index (CPI) basket of goods and services to the 2005 basket. Also, the base year changed from 1992 to 2002.

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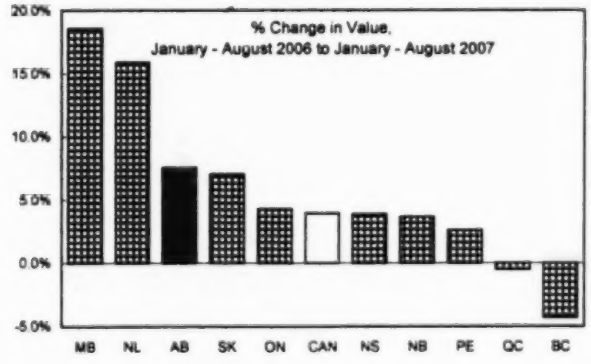

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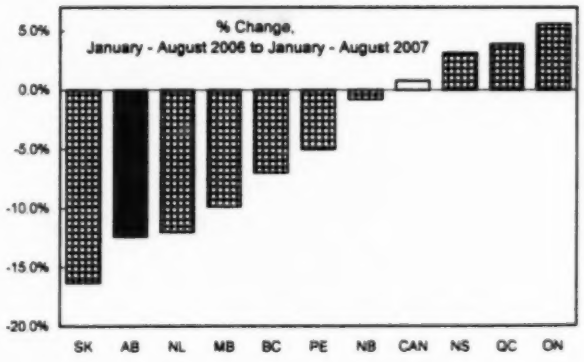

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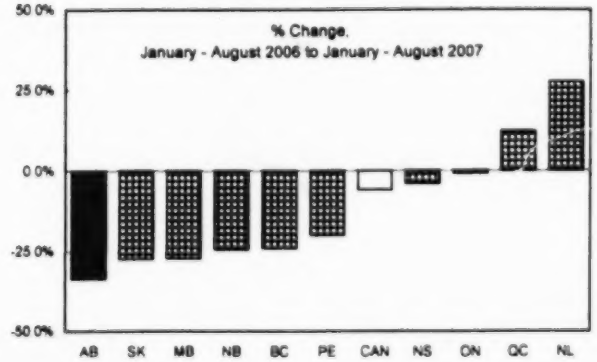

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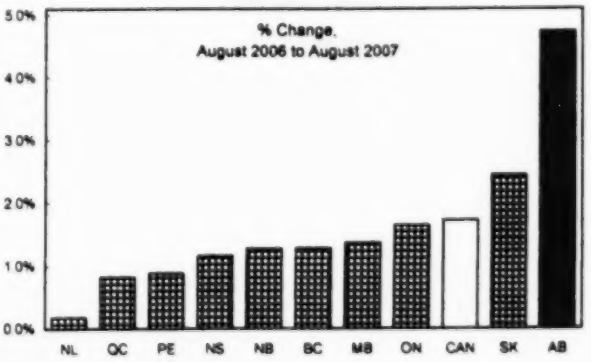

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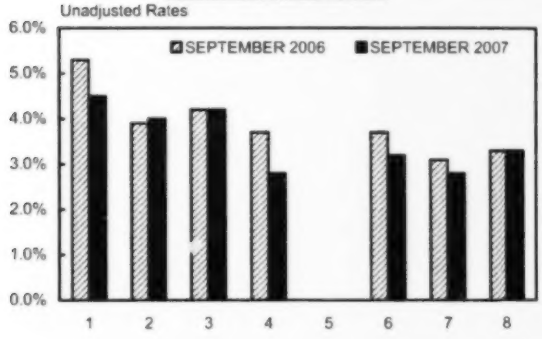
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	SEPTEMBER 2006	SEPTEMBER 2007
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	64.4	73.0
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	135.6	141.6
3) Edmonton Region	619.3	655.9
4) Red Deer Region	103.0	109.6
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	50.7	54.4
6) Calgary Region	740.2	772.8
7) Camrose - Drumheller	114.6	114.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	144.7	140.9
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	61.0	69.7
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	130.3	136.0
3) Edmonton Region	593.0	628.3
4) Red Deer Region	99.2	106.5
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	49.3	53.4
6) Calgary Region	713.0	748.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	111.0	111.7
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	139.9	136.2
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	5.3%	4.5%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	3.9%	4.0%
3) Edmonton Region	4.2%	4.2%
4) Red Deer Region	3.7%	2.8%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	n/a	n/a
6) Calgary Region	3.7%	3.2%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3.1%	2.8%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3.3%	3.3%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	73.6%	79.8%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	76.3%	77.0%
3) Edmonton Region	71.0%	72.5%
4) Red Deer Region	75.3%	76.6%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	76.6%	80.0%
6) Calgary Region	77.2%	77.2%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	75.8%	74.0%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	72.0%	67.9%

Population (July 1, 2006)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	121,730
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	246,311
3) Edmonton Region	1,094,239
4) Red Deer Region	178,592
5) Banff - Jasper	84,971
6) Calgary Region	1,193,570
7) Camrose - Drumheller	194,681
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	261,669
5-year Population Growth (2001-2006)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	13.7%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	7.9%
3) Edmonton Region	9.2%
4) Red Deer Region	13.8%
5) Banff - Jasper	2.9%
6) Calgary Region	13.9%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	4.1%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	6.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH RATE ALBERTA REGIONS

REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Effective January 2007, the *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at $5 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed. Prior to this, the cut-off value was $2 million. Project data are obtained from public and private sources.

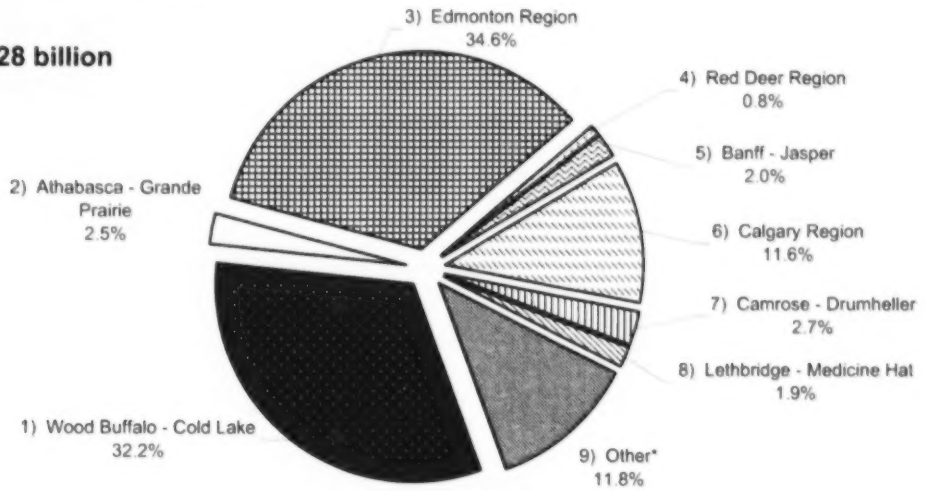
MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	SEPTEMBER 2007
	Investment ($ 000,000)
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	73,266.8
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5,637.0
3) Edmonton Region	78,934.4
4) Red Deer Region	1,890.4
5) Banff - Jasper	4,459.2
6) Calgary Region	26,389.9
7) Camrose - Drumheller	6,079.4
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,263.7
9) Other*	26,912.7
Total	227,833.5

**Projects that cannot be allocated to just one region, e.g. pipelines, highways, etc.*

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change	2006	2007	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	668.6	584.5	-12.6	79.7	146.3	83.6	78.3	97.6	24.7
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	676.1	675.3	-0.1	89.0	127.0	42.7	96.8	79.0	-18.3
3) Edmonton Region	2,297.5	2,876.3	25.2	264.4	294.0	11.2	376.4	446.5	18.6
4) Red Deer Region	390.6	607.8	55.6	64.9	114.9	77.0	66.3	126.2	90.2
5) Banff - Jasper	301.7	330.4	9.5	45.1	24.5	-45.6	36.2	66.6	83.9
6) Calgary Region	3,787.2	4,910.1	29.6	537.1	597.0	11.1	584.2	449.0	-23.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	365.7	436.8	19.4	61.6	52.1	-15.3	47.0	56.3	19.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	377.9	451.6	19.5	67.6	60.6	-10.4	48.4	48.5	0.4
Totals	8,865.2	10,872.8	22.6	1,209.4	1,416.4	17.1	1,333.6	1,369.8	2.7

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Total: $228 billion



Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)
1997	5.9	1,451	30,358	43,823	618.69	27,134	3,000	167,673	31,464
1998	5.6	1,510	33,005	47,650	635.72	28,295	2,901	163,397	30,754
1999	5.7	1,544	35,962	49,264	644.89	29,454	3,017	160,838	31,135
2000	5.0	1,584	27,391	54,624	664.37	31,738	3,328	175,545	34,847
2001	4.6	1,631	25,559	61,355	679.34	34,560	3,688	187,862	37,258
2002	5.3	1,671	32,489	63,400	694.35	37,663	3,806	204,805	38,758
2003	5.1	1,717	33,931	66,266	703.74	39,318	3,904	194,450	41,868
Jan04	4.8	1,743	30,160	5,765	711.22	3,348	314	14,856	3,668
Feb04	5.2	1,745	30,180	5,805	720.12	3,577	313	16,070	3,716
Mar04	5.0	1,749	30,350	5,858	722.41	3,572	347	16,443	3,785
Apr04	4.4	1,761	29,540	5,917	717.54	3,565	349	16,155	3,791
May04	4.4	1,755	29,390	5,947	717.43	3,556	361	16,260	3,885
Jun04	4.6	1,756	29,640	6,009	723.76	3,583	345	15,619	3,874
Jul04	4.5	1,752	29,700	6,036	719.13	3,600	373	15,388	3,841
Aug04	4.4	1,764	28,870	6,103	725.87	3,580	364	16,011	4,084
Sep04	4.6	1,771	28,190	6,192	725.73	3,673	334	16,620	3,995
Oct04	4.6	1,762	27,170	6,215	730.34	3,784	352	17,478	4,098
Nov04	4.5	1,767	27,040	6,293	737.66	3,779	343	17,740	4,158
Dec04	4.3	1,772	26,200	6,381	744.84	3,754	349	17,514	4,268
Average/Sum	4.6	1,758	28,869	72,521	724.79	43,372	4,143	196,154	47,163
Jan05	4.3	1,774	26,370	6,457	744.13	3,731	335	16,136	4,198
Feb05	4.1	1,773	25,170	6,530	750.58	3,889	338	18,349	4,284
Mar05	3.6	1,776	24,160	6,643	749.87	3,895	376	17,538	4,340
Apr05	4.1	1,779	23,760	6,689	750.01	3,961	381	18,850	4,588
May05	3.7	1,779	22,530	6,771	754.08	4,003	375	16,867	4,551
Jun05	3.9	1,776	21,920	6,824	757.18	4,002	382	19,136	4,484
Jul05	3.5	1,788	20,620	6,923	763.12	4,117	390	21,182	4,486
Aug05	3.8	1,787	23,580	7,003	770.02	4,106	383	19,121	4,542
Sep05	4.0	1,782	20,580	7,065	771.27	4,099	368	18,634	4,693
Oct05	4.0	1,793	20,400	7,140	777.26	4,147	383	18,463	4,719
Nov05	4.1	1,798	19,740	7,290	782.03	4,246	381	18,827	4,791
Dec05	4.1	1,807	19,430	7,340	779.87	4,296	410	19,258	4,874
Average/Sum	3.9	1,784	22,355	82,674	762.69	48,493	4,502	222,361	54,551
Jan06	3.5	1,815	19,640	7,388	785.76	4,377	373	20,098	4,975
Feb06	3.2	1,838	19,530	7,478	789.17	4,464	371	20,931	5,043
Mar06	3.4	1,845	19,180	7,557	788.67	4,418	413	19,988	5,124
Apr06	3.5	1,848	18,960	7,630	794.68	4,662	412	20,143	5,076
May06	3.4	1,877	18,730	7,674	793.65	4,662	418	20,411	5,101
Jun06	3.6	1,870	18,710	7,765	793.52	4,676	418	19,932	5,165
Jul06	3.6	1,870	17,820	7,817	798.15	4,772	430	21,281	5,119
Aug06	4.1	1,880	21,180	7,893	801.62	4,835	424	21,871	5,203
Sep06	3.5	1,882	18,570	7,975	807.35	4,758	421	20,825	5,249
Oct06	3.0	1,903	18,190	8,025	813.38	4,796	423	21,156	5,151
Nov06	3.1	1,912	17,580	8,152	809.22	4,780	425	19,932	5,259
Dec06	3.3	1,908	17,650	8,214	824.61	4,845	465	22,165	5,179
Average/Sum	3.4	1,871	18,812	93,569	800.17	56,047	4,993	248,733	61,645
Jan07	3.3	1,933	16,870	8,327	827.45	4,917	403	22,052	5,377
Feb07	3.5	1,939	16,900	8,399	828.61	4,897	400	21,042	5,380
Mar07	3.6	1,939	16,860	8,486	822.77	5,057	486	22,315	5,592
Apr07	3.4	1,951	17,020	8,546	825.33	**5,048**	445	21,447	**5,162**
May07	3.8	1,943	**17,640**	8,627	821.23	**5,192**	444	**21,410**	**5,103**
Jun07	3.8	1,955	**16,400**	8,755	**836.61**	**5,222**	**441**	**22,185**	**5,430**
Jul07	3.3	1,969	**18,140**		**844.90**	**5,210**	**445**	**22,219**	**5,480**
Aug07	3.5	1,969						**22,104**	
Sep07	**3.6**	**1,973**							
Oct07									
Nov07									
Dec07									
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	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Housing Starts (#, urban)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Manufacturing Shipments* ($000,000)	Energy Production		Rigs Drilling (#)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton		Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)	
1997	43,693	18,938	4,446	1,828	879	34,184	93,976	168,094	310
1998	43,383	21,725	5,552	2,486	1,167	32,840	94,676	172,644	218
1999	42,684	20,216	4,802	1,917	1,124	37,096	89,066	175,279	210
2000	43,311	21,506	5,296	2,287	1,249	44,430	89,136	176,146	296
2001	48,989	24,457	5,912	2,309	1,462	**45,480**	89,365	174,094	298
2002	51,042	32,729	6,847	2,714	1,797	**45,407**	89,885	170,828	231
2003	51,334	32,066	6,667	2,819	1,767	**48,072**	95,311	166,623	314
Jan04	2,980	1,985	347	126	135	**4,280**	8,509	15,198	421
Feb04	3,972	2,481	382	189	91	**4,375**	8,050	13,820	433
Mar04	5,942	2,124	664	294	171	**4,444**	8,584	14,088	364
Apr04	5,814	2,425	712	334	179	**4,517**	8,144	13,623	156
May04	5,993	2,268	720	243	207	**4,433**	8,558	13,843	170
Jun04	5,784	3,516	681	231	213	**4,546**	8,266	13,276	263
Jul04	5,283	2,596	702	300	194	**4,485**	8,486	13,799	308
Aug04	5,200	2,797	617	232	157	**4,552**	8,810	13,768	309
Sep04	4,721	2,895	581	212	141	**4,515**	8,370	13,123	272
Oct04	4,457	3,222	687	234	189	**4,572**	8,376	13,842	370
Nov04	4,148	3,202	722	242	225	**4,641**	8,409	13,851	434
Dec04	3,166	2,677	512	218	126	**4,550**	8,445	15,444	471
Average/Sum	57,460	32,188	7,327	2,857	2,028	**53,907**	101,007	167,676	331
Jan05	3,187	1,854	492	158	174	**4,715**	7,930	15,453	466
Feb05	4,373	2,215	547	236	142	**4,956**	7,142	13,350	482
Mar05	6,005	2,480	992	527	210	**4,897**	7,728	14,425	360
Apr05	6,479	3,269	1,003	370	255	**5,079**	7,832	13,686	146
May05	6,816	3,681	941	350	230	**5,136**	8,213	13,688	224
Jun05	6,976	2,655	892	330	286	**5,082**	7,908	13,022	250
Jul05	5,816	2,810	891	327	294	**4,890**	8,179	13,918	391
Aug05	6,338	2,927	908	316	269	**5,066**	8,464	13,934	423
Sep05	5,725	3,698	778	268	206	**5,294**	8,101	13,269	392
Oct05	5,221	3,096	990	292	346	**5,466**	9,052	13,840	430
Nov05	5,296	2,952	920	368	236	**5,620**	8,925	14,074	491
Dec05	3,634	2,663	848	378	257	**5,753**	9,406	15,668	523
Average/Sum	65,866	34,301	10,202	3,921	2,904	**61,955**	98,879	168,327	381
Jan06	4,686	2,318	644	254	209	**5,660**	9,260	14,952	495
Feb06	5,933	3,045	797	337	218	**5,526**	7,967	13,554	531
Mar06	7,189	3,526	1,248	594	281	**5,560**	8,231	14,653	540
Apr06	7,182	3,463	1,014	396	270	**5,462**	8,828	13,804	201
May06	8,300	3,880	1,189	412	309	**5,344**	8,397	13,958	184
Jun06	7,786	4,276	1,429	458	320	**5,464**	7,966	13,002	314
Jul06	6,407	3,796	1,209	496	251	**5,888**	8,911	13,805	442
Aug06	6,378	3,475	1,334	516	367	**5,703**	9,338	13,972	391
Sep06	5,624	3,338	1,242	564	312	**5,491**	8,917	13,209	318
Oct06	5,583	2,801	1,395	516	355	**5,412**	9,696	14,218	325
Nov06	5,252	4,189	1,269	495	390	**5,349**	9,239	13,660	340
Dec06	4,030	2,775	1,105	442	257	**5,499**	9,270	14,599	380
Average/Sum	74,350	40,882	13,876	5,480	3,541	**66,358**	106,018	167,385	371
Jan07	5,344	3,010	1,019	418	331	**5,513**	9,161	15,268	433
Feb07	6,602	2,443	852	316	255	**5,688**	8,529	13,951	447
Mar07	8,159	3,353	1,305	566	335	**5,704**	9,559	14,241	293
Apr07	7,803	3,929	1,289	427	401	**5,596**	8,793	13,625	79
May07	8,606	3,684	1,999	1,112	338	**5,725**	8,846	13,814	64
Jun07	7,327	3,306	1,623	713	418	**5,569**			147
Jul07	5,938	**3,050**	**1,416**	**548**	**288**	5,552			254
Aug07	**5,494**	3,418	**1,370**	**378**	**434**	**5,630**			234
Sep07		**4,366**							**226**
Oct07									
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	Energy Prices		International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations		International
	WTI Crude (US$/barrel)	Gas (C$/GJ)	Exports ($000,000)	Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)	Travellers (#, direct entries)**
1997	20.61	1.87	33,560	1,460	9,913	24,343	1,840	787,755
1998	14.43	1.84	31,130	1,349	8,108	21,484	1,881	848,465
1999	19.24	2.35	34,717	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786	874,620
2000	30.20	4.27	55,495	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970	880,729
2001	25.90	5.12	57,061	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955	845,325
2002	26.09	3.68	48,931	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001	826,384
2003	31.04	5.81	57,044	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891	806,307
Jan04	34.22	6.10	5,457	132	763	2,799	173	37,117
Feb04	34.50	5.83	4,925	179	797	2,488	185	43,930
Mar04	36.72	5.49	5,411	160	897	3,174	205	51,994
Apr04	36.62	5.64	5,142	134	732	2,795	165	42,699
May04	40.28	6.28	5,349	131	695	2,649	174	64,476
Jun04	38.05	6.47	6,278	138	806	2,669	181	105,835
Jul04	40.81	6.17	5,751	118	611	2,428	156	172,370
Aug04	44.88	5.99	5,848	114	713	2,303	163	132,629
Sep04	45.94	5.21	5,184	113	710	2,642	177	96,435
Oct04	53.09	5.29	5,357	105	664	2,644	157	68,512
Nov04	48.47	6.58	6,093	106	737	2,808	162	42,492
Dec04	43.26	6.70	6,198	135	594	2,877	143	54,831
Average/Sum	41.40	5.98	66,992	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041	913,320
Jan05	46.85	6.02	6,139	119	610	2,932	172	42,642
Feb05	48.05	5.94	5,482	147	658	2,662	177	56,946
Mar05	54.63	6.30	5,992	148	750	3,226	195	56,457
Apr05	53.22	6.79	5,848	139	685	3,119	181	35,705
May05	49.87	6.51	5,981	112	630	3,139	213	65,436
Jun05	56.42	6.34	5,828	112	703	3,347	201	116,196
Jul05	59.03	6.87	6,245	60	566	2,777	189	164,956
Aug05	64.99	7.45	6,889	70	687	2,999	181	122,614
Sep05	65.55	9.46	7,239	83	645	3,361	191	92,745
Oct05	62.27	11.38	8,245	67	611	3,404	199	54,304
Nov05	58.34	10.81	7,672	59	585	3,458	201	37,838
Dec05	59.45	10.54	8,620	79	414	3,614	184	60,875
Average/Sum	56.56	7.87	80,181	1,194	7,542	38,038	2,284	906,714
Jan06	65.54	9.52	7,737	93	508	3,794	224	41,621
Feb06	62.01	7.38	6,662	59	442	3,505	195	41,959
Mar06	62.97	6.47	6,639	61	521	4,081	250	54,273
Apr06	70.16	6.18	6,381	73	481	3,654	176	44,925
May06	70.96	5.71	6,567	76	490	4,236	232	72,583
Jun06	70.97	5.29	6,728	68	472	4,081	214	115,760
Jul06	74.46	5.22	6,840	33	376	3,370	214	144,441
Aug06	73.08	5.84	7,167	46	429	3,813	226	118,473
Sep06	63.76	5.12	6,517	36	412	3,876	226	84,340
Oct06	59.14	4.40	6,416	53	424	3,923	252	56,750
Nov06	59.47	6.51	7,142	30	388	3,708	270	41,909
Dec06	62.08	7.05	7,226	37	309	3,486	201	68,185
Average/Sum	66.22	6.22	82,021	666	5,248	45,527	2,680	885,219
Jan07	54.35	6.27	**7,600**	35	438	4,146	211	46,412
Feb07	59.39	6.82	**6,825**	58	365	3,582	244	49,428
Mar07	60.74	6.92	**7,574**	46	423	4,374	273	58,714
Apr07	64.04	6.74	**6,992**	47	390	3,945	220	51,057
May07	63.53	6.61	**7,051**	51	431	4,461	276	76,762
Jun07	67.53	6.21	**8,087**	29	435	4,009	271	122,878
Jul07	74.30	**5.43**	**7,316**	**39**	**359**	3,570	236	**157,136**
Aug07	**72.36**		**7,410**	**32**	**415**	3,629	223	
Sep07	**79.63**							
Oct07								
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Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Consumer Price Index (2002 = 100)			Consumer Price Index (2000 = 100)		Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Edmonton	Calgary	Canada	U.S.	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1997	88.1	89.2	87.2	95.3	93.4	1.3844	N/A	4.96	8.46
1998	89.2	90.0	88.5	96.0	94.7	1.4831	N/A	6.60	8.31
1999	91.4	92.1	90.8	97.3	96.7	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	94.5	95.1	94.1	100.0	100.0	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	96.7	97.2	96.4	102.6	102.8	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	100.0	100.0	100.0	104.9	104.4	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
2003	104.4	105.3	103.5	107.8	106.8	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
Jan04	104.6	105.0	104.1	108.3	107.5	1.2960	1.6362	4.25	4.00
Feb04	104.6	105.0	104.1	108.5	108.1	1.3290	1.6807	4.25	4.00
Mar04	104.9	105.2	104.4	108.9	108.8	1.3284	1.6289	4.00	4.00
Apr04	105.2	105.6	104.6	109.1	109.2	1.3425	1.6087	3.75	4.00
May04	106.1	106.5	105.5	110.1	109.8	1.3783	1.6554	3.75	4.00
Jun04	107.1	107.6	106.4	110.2	110.2	1.3577	1.6490	3.75	4.00
Jul04	106.4	107.0	105.8	110.1	110.0	1.3219	1.6222	3.75	4.25
Aug04	106.2	106.8	105.6	109.9	110.0	1.3118	1.6003	3.75	4.50
Sep04	106.3	107.0	105.6	110.0	110.3	1.2878	1.5744	4.00	4.75
Oct04	106.0	106.5	105.4	110.3	110.9	1.2469	1.5594	4.25	4.75
Nov04	106.7	107.2	106.1	110.7	110.9	1.1961	1.5556	4.25	5.00
Dec04	106.4	107.0	105.8	110.5	110.5	1.2191	1.6317	4.25	5.25
Average/Sum	105.9	106.4	105.3	109.7	109.7	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
Jan05	106.1	106.7	105.3	110.4	110.7	1.2253	1.6052	4.25	5.25
Feb05	106.2	106.7	105.5	110.8	111.4	1.2397	1.6133	4.25	5.50
Mar05	106.9	107.5	106.0	111.4	112.3	1.2161	1.6045	4.25	5.75
Apr05	107.6	108.0	106.9	111.8	113.0	1.2360	1.5997	4.25	5.75
May05	107.4	107.9	106.8	111.9	112.9	1.2555	1.5934	4.25	6.00
Jun05	107.8	108.1	107.3	112.0	113.0	1.2402	1.5076	4.25	6.00
Jul05	108.7	109.2	108.0	112.3	113.5	1.2227	1.4714	4.25	6.25
Aug05	108.7	109.1	108.0	112.7	114.1	1.2040	1.4808	4.25	6.50
Sep05	110.0	110.6	109.1	113.7	115.4	1.1776	1.4409	4.50	6.75
Oct05	109.7	110.2	108.9	113.2	115.7	1.1776	1.4156	4.75	6.75
Nov05	109.6	110.1	108.8	112.9	114.8	1.1811	1.3922	4.75	7.00
Dec05	109.0	109.4	108.5	112.8	114.3	1.1610	1.3771	5.00	7.25
Average/Sum	108.1	108.6	107.4	112.2	113.4	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
Jan06	110.4	110.6	109.9	113.4	115.2	1.1573	1.4032	5.25	7.25
Feb06	109.7	110.1	108.9	113.3	115.4	1.1489	1.3716	5.25	7.50
Mar06	110.3	110.6	109.5	113.9	116.0	1.1574	1.3921	5.50	7.75
Apr06	111.4	111.4	110.9	114.5	117.0	1.1438	1.4046	5.75	7.75
May06	112.2	112.1	112.0	115.0	117.6	1.1095	1.4159	6.00	8.00
Jun06	111.8	111.6	111.7	114.9	117.8	1.1138	1.4101	6.00	8.00
Jul06	113.4	112.8	113.6	114.9	118.2	1.1292	1.4318	6.00	8.25
Aug06	113.9	113.0	114.4	115.1	118.4	1.1183	1.4321	6.00	8.25
Sep06	114.1	113.2	114.7	114.5	117.8	1.1162	1.4199	6.00	8.25
Oct06	113.0	112.2	113.5	114.2	117.2	1.1286	1.4239	6.00	8.25
Nov06	113.7	113.0	114.2	114.5	117.0	1.1362	1.4650	6.00	8.25
Dec06	114.2	113.5	114.7	114.7	117.2	1.1530	1.5230	6.00	8.25
Average/Sum	112.3	112.0	112.3	114.4	117.1	1.1343	1.4244	5.81	7.98
Jan07	114.7	113.9	115.0	114.8	117.5	1.1759	1.5275	6.00	8.25
Feb07	115.0	114.2	115.6	115.6	118.2	1.1707	1.5315	6.00	8.25
Mar07	116.4	115.7	116.7	116.5	119.3	1.1682	1.5473	6.00	8.25
Apr07	117.5	117.0	117.6	117.0	120.0	1.1343	1.5333	6.00	8.25
May07	117.8	117.1	117.6	117.5	120.8	1.0949	1.4801	6.00	8.25
Jun07	118.8	118.6	118.6	117.3	121.0	1.0652	1.4295	6.00	8.25
Jul07	119.1	118.8	119.1			1.0503	1.4417	6.25	8.25
Aug07	**119.3**	**119.1**	**119.3**			1.0582	1.4410	6.25	8.25
Sep07						**1.0254**	**1.4273**	**6.25**	**7.75**
Oct07									
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*Statistics Canada updated the 2001 consumer price index (CPI) basket of goods and services to the 2005 basket. Also, the base year changed from 1992 to 2002.

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